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SUBJ: APPARENT DEFECTON OF CUBAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES

1. ASSOCIATED PRESS DIRECTOR BUENOS AIRES HAS RECEIVED
THROUGH MAIL DIPLOMATIC CARNETS OF CUBAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES
(SECURITY GUARDS) JESUS CEJAS ARIAS AND CRESCENOIO GALANENA
HERNANDEZ, WHO DISAPPEARED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES
ON AUGUST 9.

2. CARNETS WERE ACCCOMPANIED BY HAND-WRITTEN NOTE DATED
AUGUST 11 STATING THAT TWO CUBANS WERE USING THIS MEANS TO
MAKE KNOWN THEIR "DESERTION" OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY TO LIVE IN
THE "FREE WEST."

3. EMBOFF HAD PRIVATE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE CARNETS AND NOTE.
CARNETS APPEAR TO BE GENUINE ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE DIPLOMATIC
DOCUMENTS APPROPRIATELY WORN AND SIGNATURES ON LETTER MATCH SIGNA-
TURES IN CARNETS. AP DIRECTOR HAS NOTIFIED CUBAN EMBASSY, WHICH
WAS SENDING OFFICIALS TO AP OFFICE TO RECOVER DOCUMENTS.

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4. COMMENT: WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE THIS DEVELOPMENT

UNTIL AND UNLESS THE TWO CUBANS APPEAR AND MAKE IT CLEAR
THAT THEY ARE INDEED DEFECTING. FACT THAT DOCUMENTS TURNED
UP WITH AMERICAN NES AGENCY COULD INCREASE CUBAN SUSPICIONS
OF US INVOLVEMENT.
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